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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [1238]

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [1239]

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NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th April, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving the Draft New Regulations which will be submitted to the Meeting, and in the event of the approval thereof, with or without modification, to consider and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to the effect that the New Regulations already approved by the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be, and the same are hereby approved, and that such Regulations, and they are hereby adopted as the Regulations of the Company, to the exclusion of all the existing Regulations.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

Governing Directors.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [1236]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS will be held on MONDAY, the 29th April, at 2 p.m., at the Chamber Rooms, City Hall, to NOMINATE A MEMBER of the Chamber to take the place of the Hon. T. H. WHITHEAD in the Legislative Council during his absence from the Colony.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held the same Day and immediately after, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Statement Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1900.

By Order.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [1235]

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the advertisement which appeared in the "Daily Press" of the 21st March, and the "Woo Wing Chuen" in which the State of the "Woo Wing Chuen" is a certain Firm in Canton, known as "E KING," we hereby give Notice that we said "Woo Wing Chuen" has no right to the use of the name "E KING," either with or without an addition thereto, that name being the name by which our firm has been known for the past 70 years, and the said "Woo Wing Chuen" never having been a Partner thereto.

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LI TSOI SHAN, YIK TZU CHONG.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [1237]

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FOR SWATOW.

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [1240]

STEAMSHIP "OCEANIAN."

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NOTICE.

CONSIGNMENT of cargo, from London

as per Consignment and Bill of Lading.

For Freight, Passages apply to

Douglas LaFleur & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [1241]

STEAMSHIP "OCEANIAN."

FOR SWATOW.

Agents.

"FORMOSA,"

Captain Douglas will be despatched for the

above port—MORROW, the 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [1242]

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FOR SWATOW.

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1900. [126

INTIMATIONS.

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QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

the public confidence placed in him as to accept a bribe, considering rather that he richly deserves his fate if the charge of bribery is brought home to him, we propose to confine our attention to section 4, which deals with the offering of a bribe to a public servant and reads as follows:—

"Every person who gives, or offers, or causes to give to a public servant, any bribe, for himself or for any other person, with a view to influence his conduct as such public servant, or to incline him to do or omit to do any act contrary to his duty as such public servant, or contrary to the rules of honesty and integrity, shall be guilty of a misde-
meanor, and, on being convicted thereof, shall be liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding two years, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to both."

This is a sweeping section and open to several grave objections. The terms are extremely general and the accusation against the alleged briber must necessarily be made by the prospective briber, in most cases an officer of a great social standing. Moreover, a law which may be perfectly compatible with a high state of civilization and moral conduct, such as exists in England, may appear ludicrous when transplanted and administered to a people of low civilization and indifferent morality. The Chinese from time immemorial have been accustomed to offer bribes to state officials, and even in the highest civilized communities a small sum is often offered and received by the recipient to facilitate business. Percentage and bonuses are recognized perquisites in mercantile communities and are insisted upon and received. In offering bribes to public officials the Chinese are only acting up to their traditions and doing what general merchants do, under fair sounding and less objectionable phraseology, in the usual transactions of their mercantile pursuits. Far be it from us to argue that Chinese should beat liberty to offer bribes to public officials, but their ease from long association and dense ignorance requires milder treatment, and we question whether attempted bribery is not an offence that may not be conveniently dealt with by the Magistrate, without moving all the elaborate machinery of law so necessary for the trial of a case in the Supreme Court of Hongkong; but we observe in the schedule of offences under section 80 of the Magistrates' Ordinance that Bribery is excluded from Summary Jurisdiction, while no mention is made of Assisted Bribery. Perhaps this is a dissolution too academic for our lay mind, but we commend it to the authorities that be.

The present sessions have revealed the difficulty of dealing with these comparatively minor cases of attempted bribery in the Supreme Court. Of five cases on the calendar no less than three were for attempted bribery, and these each for the sum of five dollars. In one the defendant failed to answer to his bail. In another one defendant was acquitted by the jury after a patient trial; and in the last case heard before His Lordship the Chief Justice the prisoner was acquitted on a flaw in the indictment, which Counsel so ably raised on behalf of the Queen. The Wiggin in all his actions is influenced solely by what she conceives to be the welfare of China. She is one of the greatest women of the world, and will go down to history as the empress of Empress Elizabeth, Elizabeth, and Victoria.

A strict house-to-house visitation by the Police, acting under the direction of the Principal Medical Officer, was commenced on Saturday last, No. 2, Wan Chai District. The object of the visitation is to seek out any suspicious-looking cases hidden from the authorities. The Chinese are more stringent, owing to the cooling summer.

This is what Mr. Charles Dwyer, once U.S. Minister to China and member of the Philippines Commission, wrote the other day in the *New York Journal, Collier's Weekly*:— "The Chinese in all their actions is influenced solely by what she conceives to be the welfare of China. She is one of the greatest women of the world, and will go down to history as the empress of Empress Elizabeth, Elizabeth, and Victoria."

Her Majesty's new sheathed sword *Rosario* joined the regiment of Blueshirts Deckbay on 20th inst. for service on the China Station. The sword was commissioned by Commander Claud A. W. Hamilton. The *Rosario* belongs to a new type of war sword, and has been armed with an equipment of six iron and four 3-pounder quick-firing guns, and two Maxim guns. She was allotted a crew of 104 officers and men. She underwent the successful machinery trial at Sheerness on 21st inst.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 8.35 a.m. yesterday.

Major S. E. Clark, R.A.M.C., has been appointed Acting Medical Officer of Victoria Gaol during the absence of Dr. J. C. Thompson.

Seven fresh cases of plague and four deaths were reported during the twenty-four hours ending at noon of the 21st inst.

Lient.-Col. R. H. Burtis and the officers of the 2nd Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers were at home at Murray Barracks on Saturday afternoon, when an assault at arms took place.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously approved of the appointment of the Honourable C. P. Chater, C.M.G., to an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

Our readers will regret to learn that when returning from here Mr. W. Marshall, one of the assistant masters at Queen's College, had to give up his studies at Columbia through illness and was in hospital four weeks. He is expected to arrive in Hongkong by the next German mail.

The following regulations respecting the importation of dogs into the colony are published in the *Gazette*:—1.—Shanghai. No dog brought from the Port of Shanghai will be permitted to land in this colony for a period of six months from the 7th April, 1900. 2.—Unclaimed dogs, any dog unclaimed within a fortnight of the arrival of the vessel of quarantine may be sent by the Sanitary Board to defray expense; but, if unclaimed, may be destroyed.

According to the *North China Daily News* a party of the Reform Party in Shanghai have received news from reliable quarters in Peking that when Victor Li, Liang-Ching, received secret instructions from Prince Ching to send Admiral Yu of the Chinese squadron, who happened to be in Canton at the time, to proceed with two of his fastest cruisers, the *Foien* and *Liukow*, to amuse in the vicinity of Singapore in order to assist the assassin of Kang Yu-wei, Victor Li gave the order to the ship to return to Peking that he thought the plan impracticable—for the present at least. The Chinese, however, are anxious to bring the plan into operation.

On Saturday night a meeting was held at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, Praya Central, for the purpose of continuing the discussion the paper read by Mr. T. E. C. Wilkes at a previous meeting. Mr. A. Ramsey, M.I.M.E., was in the chair, and was supported by Messrs. A. Bain, Murphy, Jack, T. E. C. Wilkes, and Oswald. Among those who took part in the discussion were Messrs. T. Winterburn, Murphy, Jack, and two or three naval men. The opinions expressed as to water-tube boilers varied. Mr. Jack observed:—

"It is much to be regretted that the most useful of these boilers about to be introduced from abroad, for however good they may appear, the energy and working of our continental friends, it is not practicable to export them. The first, which gave birth to and affected the steam engine, should advance with the times, and not be bound for ever by insular prejudice. Such prejudice has, I am confident, been a check on advancement. We should be very anxious to have a reliable water-tube boiler worthy of the name." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Wilkes for his paper, and a vote of thanks was also accorded the chairman.

H.M.S. *Hermione* was to leave Taku on the 15th, and was expected at Shanghai about the 20th instant.

The cruiser *Pique*, which arrived at Gibraltar on 21st ult. from Plymouth, afterwards sailed for Malta en route for the China Station.

H.M. cruiser *Torrible*, with Captain Percy Scott, late Commandant at Durban, in command, has left Durban for service on the China Station.

Major W. Kendall, J. W. Launder, J. Cooper, A. Royds, A. Bromley, and H. George, have been appointed Acting Inspectors of Nuisances.

The *Jarvis*, 27-knot destroyer, completed fitting in readiness to commission for the China Station, and left Sheerness on 16th ult. for her Asiatic trials.

The following notice appears in the *Gazette*:—

"Lieutenant A. H. Johnson is seconded for service with the Chinese Regiment, dated January 1st, 1900.

Plague regulations have been imposed against vessels arriving from Sydney at the Dernancourt, Rangoon, Madras, Akyab, Basra, Tavoy, and Mergui.

The *Straits Times* announces that the first

aid of the Singapore-Johor railway was to be put on the morning of the 16th inst. near the foot of Fort Canning.

Admiral Sir E. R. Fremantle, G.C.B., C.M.G., who arrived at Shanghai on the 17th inst. by the English mail, left round the world, left the English mail at 10.30 a.m. on the 18th inst. for Weihaiwei, who H.M.S. *Endymion* will take him to.

The torpedo-boat destroyer *Oliver*, commissioned at Devonport on 21st ult. for service on the China Station, was to be 500 yards off Hongkong by the battleship *Defender*. A crew of sixty petty officers and seamen were detailed at the Royal Naval Barracks, Kowloon, for the destroyer on 12th ult.

H.M.S. *Aspasia* has been detailed to the Gold Coast for all available forces. Commissio-

nate is closely invested.

London, 13th April,

THE WAR IN THE FREE STATE.

Torrential rains in the Free State are delay-

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The *Standard*'s correspondent at Discom-

fort states that there are 1,000 sick in the field

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The *Daily Mail* correspondent says that a

force of Boers has started to intercept General

Carrington's force in Rhodesia.

THE ASHANTI RISING.

The native rising in Ashanti is assuming

serious proportions.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

London, 20th April, 7.55 p.m.

SCANTY WAR NEWS—WEPENER

STILL SURROUNDED.

The Consorship is greatly increased. The

only news is that Lord Roberts is ready for

action and that fighting is reported near

Glen. The British troops are in a strong

position, Wepener is still surrounded by

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LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The following are the results of First and Second Rounds—

CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIRST ROUND.

P. G. Anderson w.o. Fans scratched.

P. A. Cox beat H. F. Brayne 7—5, 6—4, 6—2.

SECOND ROUND.

P. A. Cox beat Wei On 1—6, 6—0, 6—3, 6—2.

H. S. Langhorne beat H. W. Slade 6—4, 6—4, 7—5.

Ties to be played—

Monday 23rd—R. B. Johnson v Major Griffin.

Tuesday 24th—A. Humphreys v P. G. Anderson.

Wednesday 25th—Cox v Langhorne.

SINGLE HANDICAP (A CLASS).

FIRST ROUND.

E. Deacon w.o. Fans scratched.

F. H. Yeats 5—3 beat G. A. Woodcock 15, 6—2, 6—3.

P. A. Cox 1—6 beat G. Gibson 3—6, 6—4, 6—2.

SECOND ROUND.

A. Humphreys 2—6 beat W. Newton 1—6, 6—1, 6—2.

P. G. Anderson, w.o. Brayne scratched.

Wei On owes 2—6 beat R. Carre 15, 6—3, 7—5.

E. Deacon 15 beat F. H. Yeats 5—6, 3—6, 6—4, 6—2.

P. A. Cox beat E. F. Mackay 2—6, 6—1, 6—3.

H. W. Slade owes 1—6 beat J. A. Woodgates 15, 6—3, 6—1.

H. Pinckney owes 15, 1 beat H. W. Mounsey 5—6, 6—4, 6—3.

H. S. Langhorne owes 15, 1 beat E. R. Halifax 1—6, 6—3, 6—1.

Ties to be played—

Monday 23rd—Elliott v Langhorne.

Cox v Slade.

Tuesday 24th—Wei On v Deacon.

SINGLE HANDICAP (B CLASS).

FIRST ROUND.

H. J. Golgo owes 3—6 w.o. E. M. Hazelwood scratched.

M. W. Slade owes 3—6 beat J. E. Lee owes 15, 3—6, 6—3.

A. R. Williamson owes 15, 1 beat A. Hollingsworth owes 15, 1, 6—2, 6—4.

P. Wodehouse owes 15, 3 beat A. Ellis owes 2—6, 7—5, 6—3.

R. F. Johnson owes 15, 1 beat C. H. Gale owes 15, 5, 6—1, 6—5.

C. Penberthow owes 13 beat R. J. Gerrard 2—6, 6—4, 6—2.

C. Mullikin and J. H. Swan scratched.

F. A. Almada v Castro w.o. J. F. Noble scratched.

H. Pollock 15 w.o. R. Johnson scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

J. Hooper beat J. Grant Smith owes 3—6, 6—3, 6—4, 6—5.

Gudgeon owes 3—3 beat W. King owes 3—6, 6—4, 7—5.

Williamson beat Slade 6—1, 6—0.

Johnson beat Wedderburn 7—5, 6—2.

Pemberton w.o.

E. S. Tuck owes 15, w.o. R. M. Ezekiel scratched.

A. G. Ward owes 2—6 beat E. F. Barrett owes 15, 6—3, 9—7.

DOUBLE HANDICAP.

Griffin and Langhorne owes 30, 3 w.o. Ezekiel and Lee scratched.

Mackay and Pinckney owes 5—8 and w.o. Ellis and Barrett scratched.

Newton and Woodgates 2—6 w.o. Hay and Mounsey scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Gibson and Strong 3—6 beat Browne and Pemberton 15, 6—3, 6—3, 6—3.

Cadge and H. Slade 5—6 beat Hooper and Gerrard 3, 5—7, 6—4, 7—5.

Potter and Deacon scratch beat Newton and Woodgates 6—1, 6—4, 6—3.

Cox and Johnson 3—6 beat Wedderburn and Halifax 6—1, 6—3.

Yeats and Williamson 3—6 beat Grant Smith and King 15, 4—6, 6—8, 8—3.

A. and H. Humphreys owe 2—4 beat Woodcock and Mancell 6—6, 6—1, 6—0.

Ties to be played—

Monday 23rd—Anderson and Mounsey 1—6.

Wei On and Carre scratch.

Tuesday 24th—Griffin and Langhorne v Mackay and Pinckney.

PROFESSIONAL PAIRS.

FIRST ROUND.

Wei On and Brayne beat Yeats and Williamson 6—2, 6—2.

A. and H. Humphreys beat Tuck and Gibson 6—2, 8—6.

Wodehouse and Halifax beat Mounsey and Bruton 6—1, 6—4, 6—3.

Carre and Pinckney beat Anderson and Browne 6—2, 6—3.

SECOND ROUND.

Hooper and Newton w.o. Gerrard and Ezekiel scratched.

A. and H. Humphreys w.o. Wei On and Brayne scratched.

Carre and Pinckney beat Wodehouse and Halifax 6—2, 6—1.

Griffin and Langhorne beat Cox and Mackay 6—3, 5—6, 6—2.

Monday 30th instant, is the last day for the ties of the Third Round.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

DR. MIVART AND ECCLESIASTIC CENSURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THIS "DAILY PRESS."

Sir.—The news of Dr. Mivart's death will be received with deep regret in the scientific and literary world at large, but by none will his decease be more keenly felt than by members of the Church, from which he has so recently been separated. During his long connection with the Roman Catholic Church, Dr. Mivart was ever held in the highest esteem. The Holy Father gave him his Doctor's degree, which Mivart at one time certainly valued, and of late years the Catholic University of Louvain deemed itself highly honoured in having him in its chair of biology. His separation from the Church, which he had entered for no temporal interest, but with the conviction of a man of deep and varied learning, could not but cause the sincerest regret to all Roman Catholics, and first of all to Cardinal Vaughan. It is not the most illustrious and most learned children that the Church feels the least sorrow in losing.

Cardinal Vaughan's action was simply a matter of duty, as the religious and secular press of England freely admitted. *The Daily News*, for instance, before the notice of excommunication, wrote: "Certainly, the Roman Catholic Church will be comprehensionist, if it is possible for this eminent biologist *etc.*" *The Church Review*, after the excommunication, said: "That the authority to which he professes obedience called him to account, we are not surprised."

The interesting and erudite contribution in your yesterday's issue would seem to mistake the real points upon which the question turned. In the profession of faith, submitted by the Cardinal to Dr. Mivart for subscription, there is no mention whatever of the facts from the Old Testament, which your contributor, following Dr. Mivart himself in his defence, brings out into such prominence. Dr. Mivart was asked to retract nominally what *The Guardian* called "the remarkable and repulsive features of his extraordinary article." Such, for instance, as calling in question Christ's miraculous conception, and the incorruption of his body after death. With regard to Scripture, the profession of faith said simply: "In all matters of faith and morals, appertaining to the building up of Christ's doctrine, I believe that to be the true sense of Holy Scripture

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Your learned contributor would also seem to overlook a simple distinction, of which he can hardly be ignorant. Every well informed Catholic is aware that the decision of a Roman Congregation, as in the case cited of Galileo, is a very different thing from a doctrine of Catholic belief. It is only for the latter that the immutability of certain truth is claimed.

Dr. Mivart's regrettable conduct in giving up Catholic faith may perhaps be accounted for by the fact that his great acquirements in scientific branches were not sufficiently grounded in theological learning, and that he lacked the rare and precious grace of Christian humility, which would have prompted him to seek solutions to his difficulties from competent sources. Now that he is gone, we may leave him in charity to the mercy of a tribunal above that of ecclesiastical authority upon earth.

SAM-PATSIAI.

April 20th 1900.

CHINA IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WRI. HAI-WEI.

On the 19th ult. Sir C. Dilke asked what had been the Naval expenditure on the Naval Depot at Wei-hai-wei up to the present time, as compared with the estimates laid before Parliament and excluding expenditure from Army Notes on engineer and garrison services.

Mr. A. Chamberlain: The expenditure for the year 1898-9 was, in round figures, £25,500, of which rather more than £7,000 was spent on dredging, £15,000 on the purchase of land, and the balance on a rifle range, repairs, and various small services. As regards the present year, I am unable to add anything to the information which I gave in the debate on the Naval estimates on March 2nd last.

THE OPEN DOOR IN CHINA.

Standard and Diggers' News stated that the following war bulletin was issued at Pretoria on the 17th instant:—

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advance party, captured a few boxes of ammunition, and nearly secured a Maxim.

Lieutenant Chapman's horse fell in a hole and Lieutenant Chapman was captured.

The enemy are now within four miles of Lobata. Major Plumer and Capt. Llewellyn have gone to engage them with a 12-pounder.

Our casualties this morning were one man severely and one slightly wounded.

16th March.

The enemy is advancing in force from Monkland under General Syman towards Lobata.

Lieutenant Tyler, of the West Riding Regiment, serving with Colonel Plumer's force, was killed yesterday by a shell.

Later.

Yesterday afternoon the enemy pressed closely on Colonel Plumer's main camp and kept up a hot fire from a one-pound Maxim, killing one white and one native. They have now placed a one-pound Maxim and a 12-pounder on a hill on the east side of the line 4,000 yards to the south of the main camp. Our right flank is protected by the chief Batho, who has warned the Boers not to enter his territory. It is improbable that they will do so. Since their ill-advised raids on Lincwiche the Dutch have wholesale dread of the natives.

The burghers are reported to be abandoning the environs of Mafeking, leaving only sufficient artilleries to man their big guns. There are no Boers at Ramathlabama, where the besiegers of Mafeking were supposed to have their base. Colonel Plumer's scouts visited Ramathlabama yesterday. The usual Mafeking news budget is overdue, but no anxiety is felt on that score.

Drumfire explosions are heard at intervals indicating that the enemy are wrecking the railway to the south of Lobata.

Bulawayo, 19th March.

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AWA MARU	YOKOHAMA (DIEGO)	WEDNESDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.	
BUNGA MARU	CASTLE-ON-THE-SEA AND NEW-CASTLE	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.	
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YAWATA MARU	YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 27th April, at 4 P.M.	
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LONDON	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On about 1st May.	
UPOOL, DUBART, & SUEZ CANAL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Thompson	On 20th inst.	
IRELAND, VIA PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On 2nd May, at Noon.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	To-day, at 1 P.M.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On 27th inst., at Daylight.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	Quick despatch.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On 28th inst., at Noon.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	Quick despatch.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On 29th inst., at Noon.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	Quick despatch.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On 30th inst.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	To-day, at 1 P.M.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On 30th inst., at Noon.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	Quick despatch.	
YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On 31st inst.	
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YARMOUTH, & PORTS OF CALL	26, VIA PORTS OF CALL	Brit. ste.	Malches	On or about 2nd June.	
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